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***Via Electronic Submission***

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

***Re: Ex Parte Communication: In the Matter of Applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations, WT Docket No. 11-65***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to inform you that on August 4, 2011, Daniel Hesse, Chief Executive Officer of Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint”), Vonya McCann, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs and the undersigned, met with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, Louis Peraertz and Jonathan Whitaker, to discuss the harm to consumers, competition and innovation that AT&T’s proposed takeover of T-Mobile would cause.

Sprint noted that the takeover of T-Mobile would be a tipping point for the wireless industry. The resulting duopoly of two vertically integrated Bell operating companies would dominate the already struggling independent wireless carriers. By controlling approximately 80% of the wireless market, AT&T and Verizon would have the ability and incentive to increase prices for consumers, undermine competition and suppress innovation.

Sprint noted that Sprint and T-Mobile, the only independent nationwide wireless carriers, are the primary carriers driving technology innovation and competition and spurring action by the slower moving, and substantially larger, AT&T and Verizon. T-Mobile launched the first Android phone, and was one of the founding members, along with Sprint, of the Android handset alliance. T-Mobile launched HSPA + far more quickly and broadly than AT&T, forcing AT&T to speed its own deployment. Eliminating T-Mobile and increasing the size of AT&T in a market that is dependent upon scale would marginalize Sprint’s ability to influence the pace of innovation and leave an effective duopoly in place. This, in turn, would result in less innovation, higher prices and fewer choices for consumers.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is being electronically filed with your office. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Louis Peraertz  
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